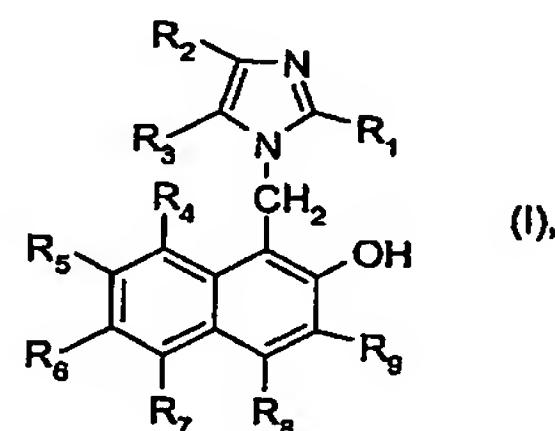


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Claims

1. Composition comprising as component A) a 1-imidazolymethyl-substituted 2-naphthol compound of the general formula (I)



where

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> each independently of one another are H; C<sub>1-17</sub>alkyl; C<sub>3-12</sub>cycloalkyl, optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl groups; C<sub>4-20</sub>cycloalkyl-alkyl, optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl groups; C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl groups; C<sub>7-15</sub>phenylalkyl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl groups; C<sub>3-17</sub>alkenyl; C<sub>3-12</sub>alkynyl; or aromatic or aliphatic C<sub>3-12</sub>acyl; R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, and R<sub>9</sub> each independently of one another are H; C<sub>1-12</sub>alkyl; C<sub>3-12</sub>cycloalkyl, optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl groups; C<sub>4-20</sub>cycloalkyl-alkyl, optionally substituted by C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl groups; C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl groups; C<sub>7-15</sub>phenylalkyl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl groups; C<sub>3-17</sub>alkenyl; C<sub>3-12</sub>alkynyl; C<sub>1-12</sub>alkoxy; or OH; and as component B) a phenol which is liquid at room temperature, the weight ratio of component A) to component B) being from 10:90 to 80:20.

2. Composition according to Claim 1, comprising as component A) a compound in which the radicals R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> each independently of one another are H; C<sub>1-12</sub>alkyl; phenyl; or C<sub>7-15</sub>phenylalkyl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl groups.
3. Composition according to Claim 2, comprising as component A) a compound where R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are each H; and R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1-12</sub>alkyl; phenyl; or C<sub>7-15</sub>phenylalkyl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl groups.

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4. Composition according to Claim 3, comprising as component A) a compound of the general formula (I) in which the radicals R<sub>2</sub> to R<sub>6</sub> are a hydrogen atom and the radical R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, or phenyl, optionally substituted by 1-3 C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl groups.
5. Composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that as component B), 1,4-n-pentyl-, -n-hexyl-, -n-heptyl-, -n-octyl-, -n-nonyl-, -n-decylphenol or O,O'-diallyl-bisphenol A is used.
6. Composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the weight ratio of component A) to component B) is from 20:80 to 70:30, preferably from 25:75 to 50:50.
7. Use of a composition according to Claim 1 as accelerator in epoxy resin compositions.
8. Curable composition comprising
  - a) an epoxy resin whose epoxide content is from 0.1 to 11 epoxide equivalents/kg,
  - b) from 5 to 40 parts by weight, based on the overall composition of components a) to d), of a composition according to Claim 1,
  - c) a curing agent for the epoxide resin, calculated such that per epoxide group there are from 0.5 to 1.5 functional groups of the curing agent, and optionally
  - d) an additive customary in epoxy resin technology.
9. Composition according to Claim 8, characterized in that the curing agent is selected from amines, preferably from diamines and polyamines.
10. Composition according to Claim 7, characterized in that the curing agent is a polyoxypropylenediamine.
11. Composition according to Claim 8, characterized in that the epoxy resin is a glycidyl ether, glycidyl ester, N-glycidyl or N,O-glycidyl derivative of an aromatic or heterocyclic compound, or a cycloaliphatic glycidyl compound.

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12. Use of a curable composition according to Claim 6 as a compression moulding compound, sinter powder, encapsulating system, casting resin, for producing prepgs and laminates using impregnating methods or injection methods, for producing components, especially components of large surface area.